

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1-116. (Canceled)

117. (New) A method for enabling a user to search for media programs, the method comprising:

enabling a user to record a first set of media programs in a first storage device associated with a personal video recorder (PVR);

storing media information corresponding to the first set of media programs in the first storage device;

receiving media information corresponding to a second set of media programs that are currently being broadcast;

receiving media information corresponding to a third set of media programs that are to be broadcast in the future;

storing the media information corresponding to the second and third sets of media programs in a second storage device;

providing to the user a search option to search for media programs;

responsive to the user activating the search option, enabling the user to enter a search term;

responsive to the user entering a search term, searching the first and second storage devices for media information having a high level of correlation with the search term; and

providing a list of media programs corresponding to the media information having a high level of correlation with the search term.

118. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times of the media programs, and wherein searching the first and second storage devices further comprises searching for media information corresponding to media programs having a start time within the range of start times.

119. (New) The method of claim 118, wherein enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times comprises enabling the user to select a time period from a plurality of time periods.

120. (New) The method of claim 119, wherein the user-selected time period is selected from time periods specified by dates.

121. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein the dates are actual dates.

122. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein the dates are relative dates.

123. (New) The method of claim 122, wherein the relative dates include “Today Only”, “Today and Tomorrow”, and “Next 7 Days”.

124. (New) The method of claim 117, further comprising:
when the media information in the second storage device includes information indicating that a particular media program is a purchasable program, providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is a purchasable program.

125. (New) The method of claim 124, wherein the particular media program is a video-on-demand program.

126. (New) The method of claim 124, wherein the particular media program is a pay-per-view program.

127. (New) The method of claim 124, further comprising:
providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the media programs stored in the first storage device are programs recorded by the PVR.

128. (New) The method of claim 117, further comprising:

when the media information in the second storage device includes information indicating that a particular media program is available via a subscription service, providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is available via the subscription service.

129. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein providing the list of media programs comprises implementing a set-top terminal (STT) to provide the list on a television.

130. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on video quality.

131. (New) The method of claim 130, wherein the search criterion based on video quality includes a criterion based on whether or not the media program includes high-definition video signals.

132. (New) A set-top terminal (STT) comprising:

a memory device configured to stored media information corresponding to media programs, the memory device in communication with a personal video recorder (PVR), the PVR configured to record a first set of media programs;

a processor in communication with the memory device, the processor configured to store media information corresponding to the first set of media programs; and

a receiving device for receiving media information corresponding to a second set of media programs that are currently being broadcast or are to be broadcast in the future;

wherein the processor is configured to store in the memory device the media information corresponding to the second set of media programs;

wherein the processor is further configured to provide to the user a search option to search for media programs, and, responsive to the user activating the search option, to enable the user to enter a search term; and

wherein, responsive to the user entering a search term, the processor is further configured to search for media information having a high level of correlation with the search term, and to provide a list of media programs corresponding to the media information having a high level of correlation with the search term.

133. (New) The STT of claim 132, wherein the PVR is embodied within the STT.

134. (New) The STT of claim 132, wherein the PVR is external to the STT.

135. (New) The STT of claim 132, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, the processor is further configured to enable the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times of the media programs, and to search for media information corresponding to media programs having a start time within the range of start times.

136. (New) The STT of claim 135, wherein the processor enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times comprises enabling the user to select a time period from a plurality of time periods.

137. (New) The STT of claim 136, wherein the user-selected time period is selected from time periods specified by dates.

138. (New) The STT of claim 137, wherein the dates are actual dates.

139. (New) The STT of claim 137, wherein the dates are relative dates.

140. (New) The STT of claim 139, wherein the relative dates include “Today Only”, “Today and Tomorrow”, and “Next 7 Days”.

141. (New) The STT of claim 132, wherein, when the media information corresponding to the second set of media programs includes information indicating that a particular media program is a purchasable program, the processor is configured to provide, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is a purchasable program.

142. (New) The STT of claim 141, wherein the particular media program is a video-on-demand program.

143. (New) The STT of claim 141, wherein the particular media program is a pay-per-view program.

144. (New) The STT of claim 141, wherein the processor is further configured to provide, with the list of media programs, an indication that the media programs corresponding to the first set of media programs are programs recorded by the PVR.

145. (New) The STT of claim 132, wherein, when the media information in the second storage device includes information indicating that a particular media program is available via a subscription service, the processor is further configured to provide, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is available via the subscription service.

146. (New) The STT of claim 132, wherein the processor is configured to display the list of media programs on a television.

147. (New) The STT of claim 132, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, the processor is further configured to enable the user to enter a search criterion based on video quality.

148. (New) The STT of claim 147, wherein the search criterion based on video quality is a criterion based on whether or not the media program includes high-definition video signals.

149. (New) An interactive media services system comprising:
memory for storing media information, the media information including information related to a title, start time, and media type for each of a plurality of media programs;
a software program stored in memory, the software program comprising a plurality of executable functions;
a processor configured to execute the software program, wherein executing the software program includes:
enabling a user to record a first set of media programs in a storage device associated with a personal video recorder (PVR);
storing media information corresponding to the first set of media programs in the memory;
receiving media information corresponding to a second set of media programs that are currently being broadcast or are to be broadcast in the future;
storing the media information corresponding to the second set of media programs in the memory;
providing to the user a search option to search for media programs;
responsive to the user activating the search option, enabling the user to enter a search term;
responsive to the user entering a search term, searching the memory for media information having a high level of correlation with the search term; and
providing a list of media programs corresponding to the media information having a high level of correlation with the search term.

150. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times of the media programs, and wherein searching the memory further

comprises searching for media information corresponding to media programs having a start time within the range of start times.

151. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 150, wherein enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on a range of start times comprises enabling the user to select a time period from a plurality of time periods.

152. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 151, wherein the user-selected time period is selected from time periods specified by dates.

153. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 152, wherein the dates are actual dates.

154. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 152, wherein the dates are relative dates.

155. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 154, wherein the relative dates include “Today Only”, “Today and Tomorrow”, and “Next 7 Days”.

156. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein, when the media information corresponding to the media programs that are currently being broadcast or are to be broadcast in the future includes information indicating that a particular media program is a purchasable program, executing the software program further comprises providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is a purchasable program.

157. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 156, wherein the particular media program is a video-on-demand program.

158. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 156, wherein the particular media program is a pay-per-view program.

159. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 156, further comprising: providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the media programs stored in the storage device are programs recorded by the PVR.

160. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 149, further comprising: when the media information in memory includes information indicating that a particular media program is available via a subscription service, providing, with the list of media programs, an indication that the particular media program is available via the subscription service.

161. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein providing the list of media programs comprises providing the list on a television.

162. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 149, wherein, responsive to the user activating the search option, further enabling the user to enter a search criterion based on video quality.

163. (New) The interactive media services system of claim 162, wherein the search criterion based on video quality is a criterion based on whether or not the media program includes high-definition video signals.